### How slavery began in America.



- American slavery began in 1619, a short time after the first English settlers came to Viginia.
- The Americans got them in Africa, only to enslave them.
- They worked in the plantations in the South to cultivate :
- sugar cane
- cotton
- tobacco
- 4 million slaves in the USA, before the Civil War (1860).
- They were used either in the fields or as servants .

### Uncle Tom's cabin



Uncle Tom's cabin is a novel by Harriet Beecher Stowe

This story tells the life of the black slaves

Uncle Tom's cabin is an anti-slavery novel

Uncle Tom's cabin was the book the most sold after the Bible.

## THE END OF SLAVERY IN AMERICA



- Because the North won the Civil War, slavery in America came to an end in 1865 (at the end of the war).
- Lincoln helped end slavery .
- In his emancipation proclamation Lincoln declared slaves to be free.
- He was assassinated shortly after (April 1865)

## Jim Crow laws (1876-1965)



- Racism against colored people. Black people were considered second class citizens.
  - « separate but equal » status for African Americans
     established by the Supreme Court of the USA in
     1896.
  - Some examples of Jim Crow laws are the
     segregation of public places like : schools, buses
     (example with Rosa Parks in the Montgomery bus
     operator), restrooms, squares, hospitals, restaurants
     and drinking fountains for white and black people.
- Jim Crow laws were in part abolished by the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

### The Ku Klux Klan

<u>**1-** In Existence</u> : <u>**1**<sup>st</sup> klan</u> :1865-1870 <u>**2**<sup>nd</sup> klan</u>:1915-1944 <u>**3**<sup>rd</sup> klan:</u> since 1946

<u>3 Properties</u> :

**Origin :** Usa

#### political ideology:

- -Homophobism
- -anti-Semitism
- -White supremacy



**Political position :** 

far- right

#### **Religion**:

protestant Christianity

<u>Intention</u>: a reign of terrorism against African -Americans <u>2- Members</u> : <u>1<sup>st</sup> klan</u> :540 000 <u>2<sup>nd</sup> klan:</u>4 500 000 <u>3<sup>rd</sup> klan</u>: 6000

<u>4 - First grand wizar</u>: Nathan bedford forrest
(1821-1877)
Lieutenant general in the confederate

army during american civil war

## The CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT



The Civil Rights Movement took place between 1945 and 1970

The Civil Rights Movement indicate mainly the fight of the American-Blacks to obtain the voting right and to stop racial segregation.

They protested for the equality of political rights for every American citizen

It was a not violent movement. Martin Luther King is the symbolic face of this movement.

# Malcolm X

Born in 1925 was a African American Muslim famous preacher. He fought against segregation he was an activist human rights, like Martin Luther King.

Malcolm was a black nationalist. He advocated the use of violence in defense of blacks and freedom

He encouraged African Americans to fight racial oppression "by any means necessary."

he was killed on February, 21th in 1965, murdered during one of his speech in New York...



# Bussing.



a system, etablished in the USA in 1971

to organize transportation for school students of color in a school in majority white

and vice versa.

to promote integration and better mixing

Terminated by the Supreme court in 1992

## Affirmative action



→ President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was the first to use this expression

 $\rightarrow$  created around 1960-1970

→ measures to fight inequalities on sexual, ethnic criteria ...

→positive results : -education -job -tax

→negative results : -education
 -job
 -integration

### The Civil Rights Act of 1964



President Johnson Signs Civil Rights Act

#### Advantages

- Major forms of discrimination against racial, ethnic, national and religious minorities (and women) were outlawed in public places.
- It was the end of racial segregation in schools

#### Drawbacks

It was the beginning of forced busing to achieve desegregation in schools (quotas)

Because of the Fourteenth Amendment the Congress did not have the power to prohibit private sector discrimination.